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SUBJECT: CIS SUBMITS PLAN TO GOZ RE INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE

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- 1. APRIL 13 CIS PROJECT MANAGER ADAMS TOLD ECON COUNSELOR THAT HE HAD JUST COME FROM MEETING WITH SNEL OFFICIALS AT WHICH HE REMINDED THEM THAT MONTHS AGO CIS STATED IT MUST RECEIVE APPROXIMATELY 22 MILLION ZAIRES IN CY77 IF INGA-SHABA TRANSMISSION LINE IS TO BE COMPLETED BY PRESENT TARGET DATE OF JANUARY 1979.
- 2. CIS HAS NEITHER RECEIVED ZAIRES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SCHEDULE NOR HAS IT BEEN INFORMED OF ITS ZAIRE BUDGET.
 CONSEQUENTLY, APRIL 13 ADAMS PRESENTED NEW PROPOSAL TO SNEL WITH A BUDGET OF ONLY 12 MILLION ZAIRES IN CY77 (APPROXIMATELY THE AMOUNT RECEIVED IN CY76) BUT POINTED OUT THIS WOULD MEAN TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION OF TRANSMISSION LINE WILL BE DELAYED BY ONE YEAR, OR UNTIL JANUARY 1980. ADAMS ALSO POINTED OUT THAT A YEAR'S DELAY WOULD RESULT IN ADDITIONAL COSTS. HE DID NOT ESTIMATE ADDITIONAL ZAIRE COST BUT ESTIMATED THAT ADDITIONAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY \$25 MILLION.

- 3. SNEL OFFICIALS STATED THEY WOULD RELAY NEW PROPOSAL TO GOZ EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.
- 4. ADAMS STATED THAT IF HE DOES NOT RECEIVE FIRM ASSURANCES

WITHIN NEXT SEVERAL DAYS THAT GOZ WILL PROVIDE 22 MILLION ZAIRES IN CY77, THEN HE INTENDS TO BEGIN TO IMPLEMENT PROGRAM WITH ONLY ZAIRE BUDGET OF 12 MILLION IN CY77. THIS WOULD RESULT IN VIRTUAL HALT OF OPERATIONS AT KOLWEZI AND INGA CONVERTERS AND CONCENTRATE ON CONSTRUCTION OF TOWERS AND STRINGING LINE. IT WOULD ALSO MEAN REDUCTION OF EXPATRIATE PERSONNEL BY APPROXIMATELY ONE-THIRD, OR TO 250. CUTLER

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